



Dear Friend,

You can find my latest update below!

Congress Passes Dr. Rand Paul's Reform to Improve the FDA's Approval Process

Under current law, any substance that is added to or is expected to become a component of animal food, either directly or indirectly, must be used in accordance with a food additive petition, unless it is generally recognized as safe.

While the Food and Drug Administration is supposed to approve or deny such petitions by a 90-day deadline, some petitions can take as long as three to five years to reach completion - resulting in a time-consuming, costly, and repetitive process for our manufacturers and farmers.

After hearing about this issue from a Kentucky company, I introduced an amendment to S. 2434, the Animal Drug and Animal Generic Drug User Fee Amendments of 2018, earlier this year to deal with this problem.

My amendment passed the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee in February and was ultimately added to the U.S. House of Representatives' version of the legislation. Last week, the Senate joined the House in passing that legislation.

This policy change requires the FDA to consider data from studies conducted in other countries when a company submits those studies as part of their food additive petition, and it also requires the FDA to provide a scientific rationale for why additional studies

would be needed to supplement the data companies have already submitted.

To help clear up conflicts in current law, my reform also repeals language from over ten years ago that brings uncertainty to the long-standing relationship between state-based feed regulators and the FDA.

I am pleased to see Congress address Kentuckians' concerns by passing a reform that will help reduce unnecessary bureaucratic delays, increase the amount of information the FDA takes into consideration on animal food additives, and ensure Kentucky's farmers and manufacturers are not kept in the dark on the submission and approval process for their food additive petitions!

Weekly Update from Washington - Fort Knox Energy Independence

In my weekly video update from Washington, I discussed last week's great news on our efforts to secure energy independence for Fort Knox.

When Fort Knox announced its capability to be energy independent in 2015, I was thrilled with the news. Their potential for energy independence and self-sufficiency could help in protecting the base from any future closure rounds. But without action from Congress, this program could not have been able to continue.

That is why I was the first to introduce legislation to specifically allow the U.S. Department of Defense to continue producing natural gas at Fort Knox, both as an amendment to legislation and as a standalone Fort Knox Energy Security Act.

These efforts continued recently, when I joined with Kentucky Senator Mitch McConnell and Representative Brett Guthrie to fix this issue through securing a provision in broader legislation. I'm pleased to hear that President Trump is expected to sign it into law next week.

As a staunch defender of Kentucky's military installations and fierce advocate for our nation's armed services, I am proud to continue my efforts on behalf of Fort Knox and protecting their energy independence capabilities. I am excited about this progress and hope Fort Knox can continue to lead the way in cost-effectiveness and ingenuity when it comes to natural gas development and sustainability.

You can watch my video [HERE](#) or below.



Working for Kentucky's Veterans

It is an honor to assist the people of Kentucky, and to hear the positive results. Recently, a veteran my office has been assisting indicated that the help he received from my staff was efficient and effective in helping him obtain the benefits he had been waiting for months to receive.

I'm proud of the work I do on behalf of our nation's heroes, and look forward to continuing to serve as a resource for those in need of assistance.

Have an Issue or Concern?

If you are a Kentucky resident and need assistance with a federal agency, please feel free to contact my Bowling Green office at [270-782-8303](tel:270-782-8303). One of my staff members will be more than happy to assist you.

Stay in Touch with Dr. Paul on Social Media

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Warm Regards,



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